Paragraphs and Line Breaks

★ Para = one or more consecutive lines
★ Empty lines = end of paragraph
★ > 2 spaces at EoL = HTML line break

Headers

★ # This is an H1
★ ## This is an H2
★ ###### This is an H6
Alternative: ==s for H1, --s for H2

Emphasis

★ *This is an <em>*
   and _so is this_
★ **This is a <strong>**
   and __so is this__
★ Use same closing marker as opening
★ Emphasis possible in middle of word
★ * or _ for a literal * or _

Blockquotes

★ Prefix > for each blockquote line...
   ... or even hard-wrapped paragraph
★ Additional > for nested blockquotes
★ Blockquotes can contain Markdown

Images

★ ![Alt text](URL "Title")
★ ![Alt text][id]
   [id]: URL "Title"
★ See syntax for Links

Links

Inline	★ This is [an example](http://example.com/) link ★ This is [example](http://example.com/ "Title") with a title
Reference	★ This is a [reference link][id] with an id [id]: http://example.com/ "Title" ★ This is a [reference link][] without an id [reference link]: http://example.com/ (Title)

★ Link id can be letters, numbers, spaces, and punctuation
★ Link id is case-insensitive
★ In ref links, link definition can be indented up to 3 spaces
★ In ref links, use parentheses, single or double quotes for title
★ In ref links, link URL can be surrounded by < >
★ In ref links, title can be on separate line with indentation
★ In ref links, link definitions can appear anywhere in document

Lists

Unordered	Asterisks, pluses & hyphens interchangeably	+ Red * Green – Blue
Ordered	Numbers, not necessarily sequential. Always start with 1.	1. Red 1. Green 1. Blue

★ List marker must be followed by 1/more spaces or a tab
★ List marker can be indented upto 3 spaces
★ Hanging indent supported but not required
★ Blank lines between list items implies paragraph
★ Paragraph start must be indented by 4 spaces or a tab
★ To avoid unintended list numbering (e.g: 1986. What a great season) backslash the period (1986\. What a great season).

Markdown

http://daringfireball.net/projects/markdown/
Cheat sheet from: Ahren Code   http://ahren.org/code/

Code Block

★ Indent code by 4 spaces or 1 tab
★ One level indentation will be removed
★ & and <, > are automatically HTML'ised
★ Markdown not usable in code blocks

Code Spans

★ Use backticks around code: `printf()`
★ Use multiple backticks for literal backtick: ``ls `date+%h` | wc -l``
   ✳ Use space if literal backtick is at start of code span:`` ` ``

Miscellaneous

Horizontal Rule / Line
3 or more asterisks, hyphens or underscores

List with embedded Blockquote
Indent > delimiters:

> *   A list item with a blockquote:
>   > This is a blockquote

List with embedded Code block
Indent code block 8 spaces or two tabs:

> *   A list item with a code block:
>   ... some code ....

Automatic Links
★ Use <, > for auto-linking URLs
★ Use <, > for auto-linking email addrs
★ Email text is auto obscured (somewhat)

For all else use HTML markup
★ blank lines around block level elements
★ no indentation for tags
★ no Markdown inside HTML blocks